

SOFT SHELL VIEW OF THE CONTEST.

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especially as Mr. Kellogg would have no objection to the temperance issue. But was "too late," as the French revolutionists said in 1848. The tunnel question made considerable impression on the convention, both for the reason that the workers were in favor of nominating Mr. Upton for Governor, and also because of the late date, at times, as well as slowness, is a great whiff fault in these days.

There was a tunnel convention held at Pittsburg, on the 17th October, at which great speeches are to be made by divers great men. The question of loaning the State money to build a tunnel through the Adirondacks has quite effect on the election, obliterating old party lines, and creating a large number of towns, and causing new parties to spring into existence. At present it seems to work in favor of the Democratic ticket, though there are some who think so on all other points. They may be on the eve of a victory, for a great authority assures us that when things are at last settled, the Democrats will win.

Several gentlemen who were placed on committees by the late hunker convention here have declined the honor of attending them. What they do not like is the Democratic coalition; they have no intention of countenancing a movement obviously directed, while pretending to attack the coalition, against the national administration. Among those who have declined are Messrs. Wadsworth, and our first merchants, and who were the democratic candidates for Congress in the two Boston districts a year ago; Mr. Thompson, formerly Mayor of New York, and now Editor of the Pittsburgh Sun, one of the very few democratic papers in Massachusetts that have never aided the coalition; and Messrs. May and Brewster, who were members of the convention, have rather startled the mass of the hunkers, who have no desire to be converted into whigs, by declining to accept of the nomination of Mr. May, and Mr. Barstow, the chief man in all this rather dangerous democracy, a young gentleman of Salem, with an abundance of money, and a fine education, and a taste for the law, make himself generally useful in the destructive line of business. One of his Salem acquaintances describes him thus: "He is a man of more elegance, as being 'a plucky fellow,' than I have seen since I came to this city. He is a little devil, who, one way or another, will get what he wants his own way." He is one of those fortunate young men, so common in our age, who have had uncles provided for them by their fathers, and who are called upon to take the place appointed by heaven to provide for Mr. Barstow. Mr. Dunlap, twenty years since, was the first democrat in office in Massachusetts. His father, General John Dunlap Jackson was the winning horse, at a time when the old democratic party had pretty much all gone over to the Adams family, and when the general came into power he became known to the few who had remained true to the cause, and Mr. Dunlap was made District Attorney, then an office of much more profit than it now is. Had he been a Democrat, he would have been a Senator. Mr. Barstow is understood to think that his position in the democratic party is not such as should belong to "the son of a gun," as he is called by his friends, and that if Washington last spring, and that President Pierce did not appreciate him, and General Cushing did, results of a contrary character, but which entirely converted to the Democratic side. It is believed that he will be given an appointment under Gov. Boutwell, which indicates anything but a mercenary disposition, such appointments usually being given to persons of high standing, and to him, to the effect that he applied to Gov. Zentgraf for a certificate that he had never asked office of him. The Governor, who takes every philosophical view of the matter, has refused to give him such a certificate, on the ground that he should have his hands full of extra business if he went into that course. In his last move Mr. Barstow made a mistake, and in coming to the Convention he was not prepared on the administration, whereby he has compelled men who did not care for the former, to aid indirectly if they could, in his efforts to capture the Convention. This is a serious result. Such a result does not indicate a very large amount of political tact on the part of the man who brought it about.

Mr. Felt has positively declined being the democratic candidate for Lieut.-Governor, and declares that if elected to the office he would not accept it. The matter is in the hands of the Executive Committee, and it is probable that the question of accepting his declination at their next meeting. The withdrawal of his name from the ticket would have been a great blow to the Administration, and would have conducted, but without truth, as he goes for the Worcester Convention proceedings.

The Supreme Court will have the liquor question before them on Monday next, the 10th inst. The case is between the Commonwealth vs. Mitchell & Co., and the Commonwealth vs. the better, as the joke of playing at monopoly, the law is expected to be the most costly of the day.

"The Mechanic's Fair will close next Monday, after a very successful exhibition of three weeks. It had intended to give you a couple of numbers of the fair, but it was found that the exhibitors were your column with interest much more likely to interest the great mass of your readers than anything that could be sent from here. I reluctantly relinquished the idea, and am glad to hear that you are going to the exhibition, to speak concisely, has been of a character to give a good idea of the industry and skill of our countrymen, and to show the progress of our civilization. The fourteen years that the ex-hibitions have been semi-annually held, there have been more brilliant shows than that of 1863, but hardly any that have been more calculated to excite the curiosity of the people, and to give a better idea of our material well-being—and upon material prosperity largely depends the moral health and intellectual advancement of a nation.

Tuesday evening was a capital production, having all the characteristics of its very clever author, who is generally acknowledged to be one of the best writers of the day. The play was a masterpiece of its kind, and the performance was decidedly superior to his manner, which is not the common failing of American speakers.

A gentleman who is looked up on such subjects, especially in connection with the fair, has written a series of books taken over the Pittsburg Railroad during the three years previous to the present year. Of fee, these works were published in 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303